

ANOTHER LIVELY SESSION

OF THE LEGISLATURE, AND INTERESTING HEARINGS.

The Double Taxation of Old Colony Stock—Committee Addressed by Vice-President Hall—The Bars Up—No More New Business For The Law Makers This Year—Action Taken by the House on Many Reports—A Street Railway Bill in the Senate—Building and Loan Association Convention.

Hartford, Feb. 20.—Before the committee on judiciary this afternoon there was a hearing on the bill concerning the tax of this state on the Old Colony stock of the Consolidated road. The bill was read by Hon. Henry C. Robinson, representing the Consolidated road. No portion of the Old Colony railroad lies in Connecticut, but the property is taxed in Rhode Island and Massachusetts. There have been issued 24,000 shares of the Consolidated road in exchange for shares of the Old Colony. The petition sets forth that it is unjust that this stock should be taxed in Connecticut when it is already taxed in Rhode Island and Massachusetts. He explained that the matter is now pending in the courts.

Vice President Hall said that he was glad to address a body composed so largely of lawyers and gentlemen of well known ability. He had been a member of the same committee five different times and appreciated the generous duties which were before them as members of this important committee. Judge Hall, continuing, made one of the most clear and convincing speeches delivered before a committee of the general assembly at this session. He spoke for over three-quarters of an hour and secured the undivided attention of members of the committee and the large number of spectators present throughout its delivery. He spoke in part as follows:

"The subject of railroad taxation is a matter in which the lawyer in legal practice seldom has his attention called. Connecticut does not desire to tax the property that is fully assessed in another state. This was the case before the existence of steam railroads and is a matter of equity. Now, in case a railroad lies partly in this state and partly in another state the law provides that only that proportion of the road that lies in this state shall be taxed here. Thus it will be seen that the plan of the state is that only the property lying in the state shall be taxed therein."

Judge Hall showed how the tax of the Housatonic road was remitted several years ago in accord with the above principle.

"Under the statute we urge that our prayer should be granted. Several years ago we found that a railroad wrecker was trying to obtain possession of the Old Colony road to the great detriment of our own company. Thereupon we leased the Old Colony in 1893. Ever since our company has paid all the taxes of the Old Colony road in Massachusetts and Rhode Island. Previous to 1893 the Consolidated railroad obtained possession of several roads and the general assembly gave permission to exchange for the stock of these roads, certain stock of the Consolidated road. After consulting the statutes of Rhode Island and Massachusetts it was ascertained that the stock should be taxed in those states and that Connecticut should abate its tax on this stock of the Consolidated, but the board of equalization decided that they would not release us. I believe that in this matter the board was mistaken. Not only the exact wording of the statute is to be considered, but a comparison with other preceding acts bearing on the same subject. Can any one doubt for a moment the equity of the act passed in 1881 releasing such tax as this? The United States courts have declared that great injustice should be given to acts of this character. We have issued this stock for the express purpose of exchange purposes. It really makes no difference whether we have paid the contractors who have built the Old Colony road, for it is all merged in the Old Colony stock which we have taken up. The instance on this measure by the board of equalization will be to entail a severe injury upon an institution that is the largest revenue producing interest the state possesses. Unless the Consolidated road is released it will be compelled to pay a tax on its property outside of this state, and no fair-minded citizen would assist in perpetrating it."

"It is in the province and equity of this honorable body to prevent an injustice and an unconstitutional measure of double taxation. I understand the new board of equalization are willing to say to this committee that our petition is a right one. This great corporation has the right to come here and petition the senate and the house to release it from the tax. This railroad paid into the treasury of the state in taxes in 1893 the sum of \$537,296; in 1894 \$551,140. The company pays one-third of the state tax and soon will pay more than that proportion. Whatever ministers to one, ministers to all. If our petition is not granted we will avail to the utmost of the law to resist the payment of a double tax. I can't believe you will deal so with the largest taxpayer of the state. This good old state cannot afford to be niggardly. This stock is held by great charitable societies, banks and by thousands of widows and orphans. To insist upon this tax would be to impair to a certain extent the property of this company. The Old Colony lease is a great benefit to this state. It cannot be possible that the state will place any obstacle in the way of this enterprise, the child of Connecticut."

In closing Judge Hall made an eloquent plea in behalf of the equity and justice of his claim.

A FEELING OF RELIEF.

There was a feeling of relief in the house this morning at 10:30 when the members assembled, over the fact that the time for receiving new business had elapsed. Yesterday there were received about 450 new measures—270 bills, 130 resolutions and 50 amendments, or about twice the number received on the last day for new business in 1893. Mr. Newton of New Haven broke all of his previous records and introduced 42 bills and petitions. The record of all this house business made necessary the issuing this morning of a journal of 62 pages. The calendar contained 13 measures, started, ready for immediate action.

THEY LET DOWN ONE BAR.

Judge Elmer of Middletown was the acting speaker in the absence of Speaker Fessenden, who is attending

court in Fairfield county. Representative Elliott of New Haven introduced the following:

"That the expense of obtaining the bonds which the quartermaster general, commissary general and paymaster general shall give, shall be paid by the state."

Representative Gunn of Milford objected. He said it would not do to let down the bars in favor of new business after the house had decided as it had.

A petition was referred, forwarded by about fifty New Haveners, in favor of the bill creating a board of examiners of plumbers.

After further discussion it was voted to allow new business to come in today and then shut it out for good.

MANY REPORTS ACTED ON.

In the house reports were made as follows:

Judiciary committee—Bill requiring courts of probate to itemize their bills. The bill was rejected.

Unfavorable report concerning the celebration of the Fourth of July. Mr. Judson said the bill was a measure striking at the right of young America and not a person appeared in its favor. The bill was rejected.

Bill concerning appointment of assistant town clerks; unfavorable report. Bill rejected.

Unfavorable report concerning wills. Under the present law the executor must furnish a bond of double the amount of bills against the estate, and the bill provides for its repeal. The bill was rejected.

Unfavorable report on the bill concerning the elector's oath. Bill rejected.

Unfavorable report on bill providing for electing state attorneys by the people. Mr. Judson of Stratford said such officers should be beyond the reach of politics, and they should be appointed. Bill rejected.

Unfavorable report on bill providing that an attorney shall have a lien for his expenses on papers and money of a client, on a judgment, etc. Mr. Cowell of Waterbury said that the committee felt that an attorney who could not collect his fees was not called upon to serve the public. Bill rejected.

Unfavorable report on bill concerning payment of license money. Mr. Judson said no one appeared for the bill and there was no reason why there should be any change. Bill rejected.

Favorable report on resolution concerning acquiring certain school property in Clinton. Calendar.

The substitute bill making an appropriation in favor of Alvin G. Benton, for a home injured while in use in the Guilford battery, was taken from the calendar and a resolution appropriating \$250 was adopted.

Representative Warner of Putnam explained the bill for the consolidation of the Fair Haven and the New Haven Water companies. The committee was unanimous in their report. The bill was passed.

Mr. Warner made quite a speech relating to the bill providing for the reorganization of the New England railroad company. He said it was one of the most important measures of the session. The bill was adopted without opposition.

The bill providing for the Orange town court was amended by striking out the clause making the appointment of the deputy judge by the legislature.

The temperance committee reported adversely on the bill that liquor dealers should provide a bond to protect the city or town in damages claimed by any person who suffers in consequence of the liquor business.

The committee on cities and boroughs reported favorably on the petition for an amendment to the charter of the borough of West Haven.

The bill for the payment of liquor license money, except 5 per cent., to the cities, was rejected.

IN THE SENATE.

The senate was in session all the morning taking action on business that came up from the house. The committee on banks reported favorably on the incorporation of the Connecticut Loan and Trust company of Bridgeport, and also reported in favor of the bill providing that all building and loan associations should come under the supervision of the state commissioners.

A STREET RAILWAY BILL.

In the house the following bill amending an act concerning street railways was referred to the committee on railroads: To section 16, this amendment: "Provided also that where the tracks of a street railway are built to the line of a city or town or connected with the tracks of any road operating in such city or town, said street railway may be allowed to run its cars over the track or tracks of such other road for a greater area than one-half mile under the conditions and upon the terms provided by this section of this act. Provided also that when the tracks of any street railway are built to the limits of any city or town where any other street railway is operating cars, it shall have the right to run its cars to a point at the line of said city or town to connect with said other street railway, then the superior court, or any judge thereof, whenever public necessity or convenience require, may authorize and empower said street railway to build either to some central point of connection with said existing railway in said city or town."

Representative Sternberg also introduced a bill concerning the examination of judgment of debtors, which was referred to the judiciary committee.

BUILDING AND LOAN ASSOCIATIONS.

A convention of the representatives of the domestic Building and Loan associations of the state was held in the capital Wednesday. Mr. Eldridge of Boston, president of the national association of Building and Loan associations, and Mr. Southard of New Haven, editor of Thrift, a building and loan paper, were present. A general law on the subject of loan associations was drafted, which was submitted to the committee on banks in the afternoon. The convention passed a vote of thanks to Labor Commissioner Vance and his assistants for the interest shown by the labor bureau in the associations. Representatives of the out-of-the-state associations threatened to fight the bill offered by the home associations.

HERE AND THERE.

There was a meeting of the New Haven county representatives this af-

ternoon. Senator Johnson and Representatives Newton, Tucker and Lindley were appointed as a committee to confer with the committee appointed by the Fairfield county representatives on the matter of the Washington bridge.

There was a hearing this afternoon by the judiciary committee on the bill providing that policemen who have served nineteen years may be retired on a pension. Corporation Counsel Ely opposed the bill. The old law provides that a policeman must serve twenty years before he can be retired. The committee on fisheries held a meeting this afternoon on the bill for the consolidation of the fish commission and its removal to Hartford, from New Haven. To-morrow opponents of the bill will be heard.

OBITUARY.

Death of Harvey Miner—A Valued Employee of the Consolidated Road For Many Years—Was One of the Oldest Railroad Men of the Country.

Ex-Conductor J. Harvey Miner, who for nearly forty years had been connected with the New York division of the Consolidated road, died suddenly at his home on Spring street shortly after eight o'clock yesterday morning of apoplexy.

Mr. Miner had not been in good health for several years past, but was not supposed to be in a dangerous condition. His death, therefore, was a surprise to his fellow employees. About two weeks ago he complained of feeling badly and remained home for a few days. He renewed work again last week and continued until Monday.

Mr. Miner had served the railroad company in many capacities, the position which he occupied last being that of superintendent of the company's office building. He first came to the road as an engineer in 1855. Previous to this he had been an engineer on the Harlem River road. He was a locomotive builder also, and after running an engine on the road for about ten years he was made assistant master mechanic at the resignation of Mr. Marcus E. Rounds, and continued to hold the position until about 1885, when Henry Kettendorf was made master mechanic and discontinued the position of assistant master mechanic.

The late Mr. Miner was then transferred to the train service, and was made a conductor—a position which he held until about a year ago, when he was made superintendent of the office building.

Besides a widow he leaves three sons, Oscar, an engineer; William, a conductor, both employed by the Consolidated, the latter being years ago a baggage-master on the road on the train then run by ex-Conductor Ward Nichols, an old and warm friend of the late Conductor Miner; and Captain Fred L. Miner, adjutant of one of the battalions of the Second regiment, who is with L. L. Stiles & Son, the brick manufacturer.

The deceased was seventy years of age, and is believed to have been the oldest employee, at the time of his death, in the service of the company. He attended divine worship for many years at the old First Baptist church, dating back to the years when Rev. Dr. Phelps was pastor of that church. Of late years he had been identified with the interests of the Baptist church on Howard avenue, it being nearer his residence.

DEATH OF MRS. WILLYS L. DENSLAW.

Mrs. Denslow, aged thirty-two years, wife of Willys S. Denslow, who is with English & Mersick, died yesterday morning of pneumonia at 7 o'clock at the family's residence, No. 70 Bristol street, and Mrs. Denslow's only child, a lad of seven of eight years, is very low with the same disease, and it is feared will not recover. Both mother and son were taken down with the disease about a week ago. Mrs. Denslow was born and reared in Springfield, Mass., where she resided until she was about twenty years of age and her parents removed to this city. Her parents reside on Prince street, and they are both in very poor health. Deceased attended Calvary Baptist church years ago, and was a member of the Bible class conducted by Deacon George B. Curtis, the cash and blind manufacturer, who is quite ill at his home on Gregory street. The deceased leaves one brother, who resides in Springfield. The funeral services will take place Friday afternoon, Rev. Mr. Mutch officiating. The interment will be in Evergreen cemetery.

THE LATE MRS. CORA E. MILLER.

The late Mrs. Cora E. Miller, who died at the home of her sister, Mrs. Charles L. Dudley in Litchfield a few days ago, formerly resided in New Haven. After the death of her husband some years ago she went from here to live with her sister in Litchfield, a pure atmosphere he cured of consumption. But the disease was too firmly seated and finally caused her death. Mrs. Miller was a devoted Christian and will be sadly missed by her many friends in Litchfield and in this city. The funeral was on Friday in Litchfield, the bearers being her four brothers. The Rev. Hiram Stone officiated and she was buried in Bantam beside her little son, who died some two years ago.

MRS. HORACE ROGERS.

Mrs. Elizabeth Rogers, an estimable Christian lady, died at her home in Norwich on Tuesday after a long and painful illness. Mrs. Rogers was a daughter of the late Robert Beckwith of Norwich and a sister of Mr. A. A. Beckwith of Norwich, Mrs. M. V. B. Lamb and Mrs. Thorp of this city.

Sunday School Work Illustrated.

W. H. Hall, secretary of the Connecticut Sunday School association, is to give an address on "Missionary Sunday School Work in Connecticut" at the Epworth M. E. church in New Haven on Monday evening, February 25, at 7:30 o'clock. This address will be illustrated with over fifty stereoscopic views of neighborhood schools, interesting scenes and prominent workers. At Naugatuck last Sunday evening an audience of nearly 1,000 were present to listen to his address. All friends of Sunday school work are cordially invited.

BREWER FOR COMMANDER.

Officers Elected at the G. A. R. Encampment.

Bridgeport, Feb. 20.—At to-day's session of the Department Encampment of the G. A. R., John M. Brewer of Norwich was elected commander, Oscar W. Cornish of Waterbury, senior vice commander, and A. G. McKee of Middletown, junior vice commander.

Resolutions were passed asking the Hawaiian government to show clemency to William T. Seward, now under penalty of death for taking part in the recent uprising there. He was a member of the Seventh Connecticut Volunteers.

A resolution was also passed urging a general observance of Lincoln's birthday, February 19, throughout the country.

The following officers were elected at the G. A. R. department encampment here this afternoon: Medical director, Dr. M. W. Robinson of Colchester; department chaplain, the Rev. T. G. Drouley of Stafford Springs; assistant adjutant general, John H. Thacher; assistant quartermaster general, W. E. Morgan of New Haven; delegate at large, A. D. Sanborn of New Haven.

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